



Memo

To: Hon Dr Nick Smith - Minister for the Environment

From: Glenn Wigley - Manager Resource Management Tools **Date:** 20 April 2010

Re: Cabinet Paper for Signing - Regulations on the measurement and reporting of water takes

Purpose

To provide you with a final version of the Cabinet paper "Regulations on the measurement and reporting of water takes" for signing by you and Min David Carter and submission to Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee.

You received a draft Cabinet paper and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on 6 April for review prior to submission to Officials Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (OEGI).

The Cabinet paper was discussed with OEGI yesterday (19 April). Their questions related to the following key issues:

- Impact on electricity generators (nil)
- Impact on Otago mining privilege holders (already addressed in paper)
- Costs to individual consent holders (already addressed in paper)
- Risks associated with revised transition/introduction period (discussed and additional paragraph, 62, added to risks section of paper).

The RIS has been independently reviewed and meets requirements. A signed copy is attached.

Actions

1. Please sign attached Cabinet paper and CAB100.
2. Forward papers to Min David Carter for signing and submission to Cabinet office. Min Carter has been briefed by his officials.

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